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SENATE BILL 342

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REQUIRING THAT A CANDIDATE WHO SEEKS TO WITHDRAW FROM CANDIDACY FILE A SIGNED AND NOTARIZED STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 1-8-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Chapter 255, Section 104) is amended to read:

"1-8-9. GENERAL ELECTION--WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATES.--No candidate shall withdraw from a general election unless ~~he~~ the candidate withdraws at least sixty-three days prior to that election and the candidate files a signed and notarized statement of withdrawal with the secretary of state."

Section 2. Section 1-8-44 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969, Chapter 240, Section 182, as amended) is amended to read:

"1-8-44. PRIMARY ELECTION LAW--WITHDRAWAL OF

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1 CANDIDATES.--A candidate seeking to withdraw from a primary  
2 election shall withdraw no later than the first Tuesday in  
3 April before that primary election by filing a signed and  
4 notarized statement of withdrawal with the secretary of state."

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